

The World War One toll

World War one affected the lives of most families in Britain and ours is no exception. Here is a partial list of those who died:

- [Charles James Slocombe](#). Died 1918, Palestine, buried in [Ramleh War Cemetery](#), Tel Aviv. He was a lorry driver and when they came under fire he quickly pushed his mates under the lorry for cover. Being the last one under he caught a bullet which bounced off a nearby rock, killing him outright.
- [Charles Hensler](#), Gallipoli. Charlie emigrated to Australia in 1912 but followed the family tradition when he volunteered for the Australian army and was sent to [Gallipoli](#) as a lance corporal. He was killed on 6 Aug 1915 and is commemorated at the [Lone Pine memorial](#) in Gallipoli and also the [Australian War Memorial](#) in Canberra.
- [William John Moss](#) He served as a stoker at the shore station [HMS Pembroke II](#) and aboard the minesweeper [HMS Arabis](#). He died in action when the [Arabis](#) was caught by a flotilla of German destroyers off the Dogger bank and was sunk.
- [Edward William Hughes](#) died 26 Sep 1917, buried Zonnebeke, Belgium
- [Joseph Tremain](#) died 10 Aug 1918, Sommes, France buried Crouy British Cemetery, Crouy-sur-Somme, France
- [John Thomas Leonard Sarah](#) died on 5 Aug 1918 in Flanders and is buried in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium
- [Edward Williams Thomas](#), pilot of SS Polesley, died 21 Sep 1918 in Bristol Channel through enemy submarine action. Commemorated at the [Mercantile Marine Memorial](#), Tower Hill, London.
- [Charles Mole](#) died 30 Apr 1918 in Flanders as a private in the Machine Gun Corps.

Others who served in the war include

- [Herbert Hensler](#) – Soldier Number: 64303, Rank: Private, Corps: Durham Light Infantry. Soldier Number: 20023, Rank: Private, Corps: Labour Corps. Archive Reference WO372/9. Campaign Medal Index Cards and Silver War Badge Cards
- [Edwin Roland Sarra](#) – Service in Royal Navy for 4½ years aboard the Rosemary and the Iris
- [William Henry Sarra](#) –Served as Dresser, First British Field Hospital in Belgium 1914. 1914 Star issued to Party 19/1/1923. Promoted to Surgeon Lieutenant on 26 Aug 1916 whilst serving on HMS Vivid.

In addition to those who fought, there were several conscientious objectors among our relatives and several of them served time in prison as a result of their convictions. In that war there was no recognition of the validity of their beliefs.

- [William Earl Sibthorpe](#) spent time in Wormwood Scrubs prison as a CO and later had to work on the land.

- [Arthur Henry Weeks](#) was sent to Dartmoor Prison in 1916, also Wormwood Scrubs in London and finally at Wakefield Prison in Yorkshire. On returning to East London from Wakefield he stopped the train journey short and walked several final miles to avoid travelling on a Sunday!